

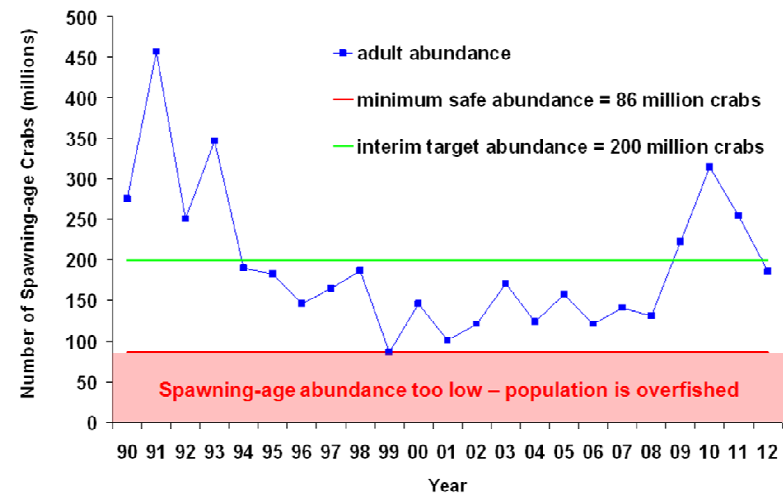
Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Management

2008

January: CBCSAC sets interim target abundance at 200 million adults (age 1+) crabs

Female-specific harvest limits put in place for the 2008 season to begin population recovery

September: Fishery declared a federal disaster with a total abundance estimated at 131 million adult crabs



Female Blue Crab Conservation Measures by State
<http://www.chesapeakebay.noaa.gov/images/stories/fisheries/keyFishSpecies/cbsac2010appendix.p>

2009

Chesapeake Bay Executive Order sets a new Blue Crab Outcome to “maintain sustainable blue crab interim rebuilding target of 200 million adults (1+ years old) in 2011 and develop a new population target for 2012-2025”

CBSAC 2009 Blue Crab Advisory Report

2010

Sustainable Fisheries GIT agrees to 1) ensure a revised population target is reached by 2012 and 2) support and continue interjurisdictional management through the Executive Order

CBSAC 2010 Blue Crab Advisory Report
<http://chesapeakebay.noaa.gov/images/stories/fisheries/keyFishSpecies/cbsacreport2010.pdf>

The NOAA funded benchmark Chesapeake Bay blue crab stock assessment suggests new sex-specific management of the blue crab population

2011 benchmark Blue Crab Stock Assessment
<http://hjordt.cbl.umces.edu/crabs/Assessment.htm>

2011

Sustainable Fisheries GIT tasks CBSAC to revise the previous interim target abundance and to provide recommendations on new sex-specific management

CBSAC recommends a female-specific abundance target of 215 million female adult crabs to the Fisheries GIT Executive Committee in October

CBSAC 2011 Blue Crab Advisory Report
http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/17829/cbsacreport2011_draftfinal.pdf

Female-specific reference points are adopted by the Sustainable Fisheries GIT at their full team meeting in December

2012

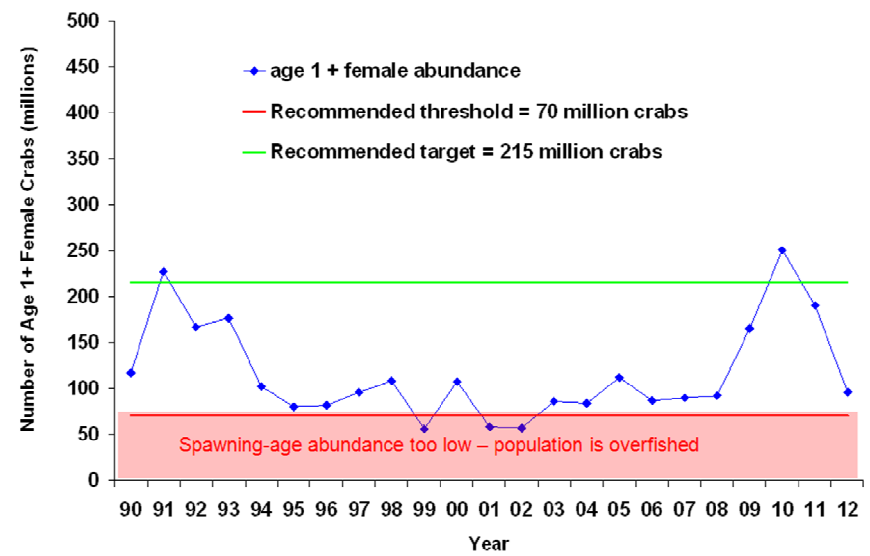
States adopt and implement new female-specific reference points for the 2012 season

The Fisheries GIT calls for a CBSAC workshop to develop male reference points

CBSAC begins developing a male-specific management target for the Fisheries GIT Executive Committee

Male-specific reference points will be presented to the Sustainable Fisheries GIT at their full team meeting in December 2012

The Fisheries GIT agrees to begin envisioning the future of the blue crab fishery by discussing allocations between jurisdictions



CBSAC 2012 Blue Crab Advisory Report

2013

Male-specific reference points implemented in 2013 season

2014

Implement trial reporting mechanisms to obtain recreational catch estimates

Determine an allocation process and begin assigning specific catch allocations to each jurisdiction